REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	04 May 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Pirate 29
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Private Publications
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Sweden
Language:	English, German, Swedish, Croatian

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the magazine *Pirate 29* as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Pirate 29 contains high resolution colour photo features with accompanying text. Both the photo features and the text are sexually explicit and dominate the publication. The accompanying text for the photo features is at times degrading to the female participants, and women in general, by presenting them as nymphomaniacs. The magazine also contains a number of close focus shots of genitals, which tend to reduce the participants to a collection of body parts, dehumanising them to some extent.

These factors are mitigated to a considerable degree by the predominance of full body shots throughout the publication and the consensual, and mutually pleasurable, manner in which the sexual activity is presented.

Given the presentation of explicit sex in *Pirate 29,* which at times degrades and dehumanises the participants, the Classification Office considers that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good unless it is restricted to an adult audience. This is considered to be a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation of the rights and freedoms in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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